DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

May 8, 2002

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 02-35

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK

COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL	
[]	State Law Change
į į	Federal Law or Regulation
 _[]	Change Court Order or Settlement
LJ	Agreement
[]	Clarification Requested by One
	or More Counties
[X]	Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: EXTENDED IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES

SCREENING AND EVALUATION IN THE CALIFORNIA WORK

OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKs) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 01-70 and ACL 02-13

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the deadline for implementing the protocols on learning disabilities screening and evaluation described in ACL 01-70 is extended from May 15, 2002 to September 3, 2002. A number of counties have expressed concern about the need for additional time to train staff and identify local resources for the learning disabilities evaluations.

Some counties have already completed training their staff and begun implementing the new protocols. These counties are encouraged to continue screening and referring CalWORKs participants for evaluation of potential learning disabilities. Counties that are not ready to implement the protocols are encouraged to utilize this additional time to ensure that staff are fully trained on them and necessary arrangements are made with qualified individuals in the community to conduct learning disabilities evaluations.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Nobles at (916) 653-7103 or Yvonne Lee at (916) 657-5039.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Bruce Wagstaff on 05/08/02

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